

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 12, and 25 are amended.

Claims 8, 20, and 34 are canceled.

Claims 35-43 are added.

Claims 1-7, 12-19, 18-33, and 35-43 are pending.

Large Entity Status

An assignment executed January 16, 2003, assigned an interest in the application to a large entity. Therefore, Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office computer system be updated to reflect large entity status for the application.

Cited Art

The Action cites the following references:

Adams et al. ("Adams", US 6,237,030); Staab ("Staab", US 5,4989,334); Morimura et al ("Morimura" US 6,072,474); and Matthews, III et al. ("Matthews", US 6,344,865).

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-15, 18-19, 21-27, and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Staab.

Claims 2, 8, 16, 20, 28, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Staab (US 5,499,334) as applied to claims 1, 12, and 25 and further in view of Morimura.

Claims 3, 17, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Staab as applied to claims 1, 12, and 25 and further in view of Matthews.

Claim 1

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite in part:

display the one or more web pages received in response to a subsequent request for the one or more web pages in accordance with

the display area configuration settings indicating the user-selected characteristics and associated with the one or more addresses of the one or more web pages.

For example, the Application describes at page 19, lines 18 et seq.:

It should be noted that the content of the web pages and display panes 212a-212d are not saved with the "Take a Snapshot" menu selection 912 is selected. Rather, the URL or other indicia of the location of a web site or data storage location and configuration data are saved for future use. At a subsequent time, when the snapshot data is recalled, the user terminal 110 (see Figure 1) transmits the recalled URLs to the network 130 to request the current web pages associated with those URLs. When the current data is retrieved from the specified web pages (i.e., specified by the URLs) that current data is displayed in the display panes 212a-212d with the size, location and other characteristics of each display panel 212a-212d being displayed in accordance with the stored configuration settings.

Adams and Staab, individually and collectively, fail to teach or suggest "display . . . web pages received in response to a subsequent request for the . . . web pages in accordance with the display area configuration settings indicating the user-selected characteristics and associated with the . . . addresses of the . . . web pages" According to MPEP 706.02(j), the prior art references must "teach or suggest all the claim limitations." This requirement is not met, and, therefore, claim 1 should be allowed.

Adams' description of bookmarks would not lead one to the recited "display . . . web pages received in response to a subsequent request for the . . . web pages in accordance with the display area configuration settings indicating the user-selected characteristics and associated with the . . . addresses of the . . . web pages." Adams describes bookmarks at column 11, lines 10 et seq.:

Network address 98 typically appears at the top of a display screen. FIG. 5 illustrates the selection of "bookmark" menu heading 100 utilizing pointing device 103. Pulldown menu 105 displays selection which will automatically display multiple web pages concurrently originating from a single user input.

Links to other web pages such as electric link 104, sewage link 106 and streets link 108 are illustrated on web page 99. Selection of the links will display data from the network location associated with the link. Pulldown menu 105 is depicted having the selection "provide all displayed links" 102. Selecting provide all displayed links 102 will allow a predetermining group of web pages to be displayed concurrently. In the depicted example, selection of

provide all displayed links 102 retrieves and concurrently displays the web pages of electric link 104, sewage link 106 and street link 108.

Adams further describes at column 11, lines 52 et seq.:

In one embodiment of the present invention, independent browser application programs are started for each displayed link. However, a single browser application could be utilized to display the predetermining group of web pages 118, as depicted in FIG. 8, for example.

Thus, Adams does describe a group of web pages can be displayed concurrently; however, Adams is silent regarding “user-selected characteristics.” So, Applicants now turn to Staab.

Staab’s description of the TopDesk system would not lead one to the recited “display . . . web pages received in response to a subsequent request for the . . . web pages.” Staab describes at column 4, lines 59 et seq.:

The TopDesk system provides the facility to save the desktop configurations of the virtual desktop. The user can then modify the desktop configurations by moving the visible windows. At a later time, the TopDesk system, in response to a user command, can revert to the saved desktop configurations.

Thus, Staab does describe that the user can modify desktop configurations and then revert to the saved desktop configurations. However, Staab does not describe applying its technology to web pages as recited. Accordingly, Staab falls short.

Adams and Staab both lack any motivation to combine or modify to result in the recited “display . . . web pages received in response to a subsequent request . . . in accordance with the display area configuration settings indicating the user-selected characteristics and associated with the . . . addresses of the . . . web pages.” The Action states that it would have been obvious to use the teaching from Staab in Adams because “it would allow the user to generate various display configurations.” However, Applicants note that neither Adams or Staab so state. Thus, the motivation to combine originates in impermissible hindsight.

Further, even if Adams were combined with Staab so that Adam’s bookmark feature worked within Staab’s TopDesk system, the references are silent on how to modify the bookmark feature so that it would include displaying web pages from a subsequent request in accordance with setting indicating user-selected characteristics.

Finally, Applicants cannot find in either reference a teaching or suggestion that configuration settings as recited are associated with addresses of web pages. So, even if Adams

were combined with Staab, the bookmark feature in combination with the TopDesk system would not result in the claimed arrangement.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable over Adams in light of Staab.

Morimura and Matthews also lack the recited arrangement or sufficient motivation to modify the described systems to result in the claimed arrangement. Morimura's description at column 20, lines 58 et seq. of "Set a display position of the tool force indicator" and Matthews' description at column 11, line 13 et seq. of "when the user changes screen resolution, the pixel resolution and thus size of all items (including menus) are changed" still fail to teach or suggest the claimed arrangement.

Claims 4-7, and 9-11 depend on claim 1 and further distinguish the claimed subject matter over the prior art. Because claim 1 is in a condition for allowance, claims 4-7, and 9-11 should also be allowed.

Claim 12

Independent claim 12 has been amended to more clearly point out the claimed subject matter. For example, claim 12 now recites "configuration settings useable to specify the user-selected portion of the web page to be automatically displayed on the display area responsive to a subsequent request for the set of the plurality of web pages." The relied on art does not teach or suggest such an arrangement.

Claims 13-19, and 21-24 depend on claim 12 and further distinguish the claimed subject matter over the prior art. Because claim 12 is in a condition for allowance, claims 13-19, and 21-24 should also be allowed.

Claim 25

Independent claim 25 has also been amended to more clearly point out the claimed subject matter. For example, claim 25 now recites in part, "display the user-selected characteristic of the web page in the display area according to the associated display area configuration information indicating the user-selected characteristic." The relied on art does not teach or suggest such an arrangement.

Claims 26-33 depend on claim 25 and further distinguish the claimed subject matter over the prior art. Because claim 25 is in a condition for allowance, claims 26-33 should also be allowed.

Claims 38 and 41

New independent claims 38 and 41 recite features not taught or suggested by the relied on art. For at least these reasons, claims 38, 41, and their dependent claims, 29-40 and 42-43, are allowable at this time.

Dependent Claims

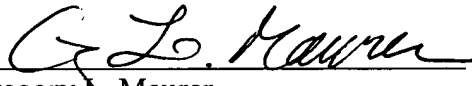
Applicants traverse the Action's assertions regarding the dependent claims; however, because the claims depend from allowable base claims, Applicants do not belabor the language of the individual dependent claims, each of which recite patentably distinct non-obvious subject matter.

Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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